# Exhibit A



**Service of Process** Transmittal

03/26/2019

CT Log Number 535175548

TO:

Jill M Calafiore, Rm 3A119A AT&T Corp. One AT&T Way-Bedminster, NJ 07921-

RE: **Process Served in Virginia** 

AT&T Mobility LLC (Domestic State: DE) FOR:

### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

Sandra Tuggle, Pltf. vs. AT&T Umbrella Benefit Plan No.1 and AT&T Mobility TITLE OF ACTION:

Disability Benefits Program, Dfts. // To: AT&T Mobility, LLC

Name discrepancy noted.

**DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:** Summons, Complaint, Attachment(s)

Roanoke City Circuit Court, VA COURT/AGENCY:

Case # 770CL1900067700

**NATURE OF ACTION:** Plaintiffs damages in this lawsuit will not exceed \$ 49,900 by the time of judgment

nor will this litigation foreclose benefits due the plaintiff from the defendant that

accrue after the date of judgment.

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, Glen Allen, VA

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Process Server on 03/26/2019 at 11:11

JURISDICTION SERVED: Virginia

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 21 days after service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): Michael A. Cleary

3214 Electric Road, Suite 311

P. O. Box 21805 Roanoke, VA 24018 540-345-8344

**ACTION ITEMS:** CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 03/27/2019, Expected Purge Date:

04/06/2019

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Email Notification, Jill M Calafiore jcalafiore@att.com

SIGNED: C T Corporation System

ADDRESS: 4701 Cox Road

Suite 285

Glen Allen, VA 23060

**TELEPHONE:** 804-217-7255

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## **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**



### ROANOKE CITY CIRCUIT COURT

Civil Division
315 CHURCH AVENUE, SW
ROANOKE VA 24016
(540) 853-6702

Summons

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Case No. 770CL19000677-00

To: AT&T MOBILITY LLC
PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
C/O CT CORPORATION SYSTEM,
ITS REGISTERED AGENT
4701 COX ROAD STE 285
GLEN ALLEN VA 23060

The party upon whom this summons and the attached complaint are served is hereby notified that unless within 21 days after such service, response is made by filing in the clerk's office of this court a pleading in writing, in proper legal form, the allegations and charges may be taken as admitted and the court may enter an order, judgment, or decree against such party either by default or after hearing evidence.

Appearance in person is not required by this summons.

Done in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia on, Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Clerk of Court: BRENDA S. HAMILTON

SEE ATTACHED COMPLAINT

Instructions:

Hearing Official:

Attorney's name: CLEARY, MICHAEL A; ESQ

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE

SANDRA TUGGLE,	
Plaintiff	
v.	) Civil Action No. CL19 - し77 -00
AT&T Umbrella Benefit Plan No. 1— AT&T Mobility Disability Benefits PROGRAM,  Serve: AT&T Mobility, LLC,  Plan Administrator  c/o CT Corporation System,  Its Registered Agent  4701 Cox Road, Suite 285  Glen Allen, VA 23060	<pre>/ ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )</pre>
Defendant	

### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, by counsel, respectfully moves this Court for the entry of an Order granting her judgment against the defendant as set forth below. In support of this Complaint, plaintiff states the following:

- (1) For the purposes of this civil action plaintiff was a beneficiary under an employer sponsored welfare benefit plan that included Short term and Long-term disability benefits (the "Plan"). The Plan, defendant herein, is named the AT&T Umbrella Benefit Plan No. 1 AT&T MOBILITY DISABILITY BENEFITS PROGRAM.
- (2) Plaintiff was eligible for benefits under the Plan at all times referenced in this Complaint.

Michael A .Cleary attorney at law P.O. Box 21805 Roanoke, VA 24018

- (2) Plaintiff was eligible for benefits under the Plan at all times referenced in this Complaint.
- (3) This is an action to recover benefits due plaintiff under the terms of the Plan and applicable law, to enforce plaintiff's rights under the terms of the Plan and to clarify plaintiff's rights to future benefits under the terms of the Plan.
- (4) Due to a total disability covered under the Plan, plaintiff became entitled to short term and long term disability income benefits from defendant.
- her claim for short term and long term disability benefits, to include, without limitation, proof that plaintiff's medical condition supported her claim based on disability. Defendant, through its representatives, breached its obligation to the plaintiff by failing to give proper consideration to plaintiff's proof of her total disability. The plaintiff appealed defendant's decision denying both short term and later long term benefits under the Plan. Defendant failed to consider properly plaintiff's proof of disability under the terms of Plan during its consideration of the plaintiff's appeal. Instead, by its letters dated March 19, 2014 for short term benefits and September 29, 2014 for long term benefits, defendant continued to deny benefits. All mandatory administrative appeals available to the plaintiff have been exhausted.
- (6) The unpaid benefits in question are approximately \$1,198 per month from December 20, 2013, to the time of judgment which benefits are subject to adjustment, as set forth in Paragraph (7) of this Complaint.
- (7) Plaintiff acknowledges that unpaid benefits due her under the Plan must be reduced for Social Security Disability Insurance ("SSDI") benefits received

by her in the initial amount of \$923.00 per month beginning March 2014. Further, no offset can occur until the LTD benefits accumulate to \$6,000, the amount of legal fees incurred by the plaintiff to obtain the SSDI benefits.

- (8) The May 17, 2017, Notice of Award of SSDI benefits is attached as an exhibit.
- (9) The denial of both short term and long term benefits under the defendant Plan was a breach of the defendant's obligations to the plaintiff under the Plan.
- (10) The decision of the defendant's representatives to deny plaintiff the rights and benefits due her under the Plan was arbitrary, illegal, capricious, unreasonable, discriminatory and not made in good faith, was not supported by substantial evidence and arises from an erroneous application of law and / or interpretation of the Plan.
- (11) As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the defendant's representatives the plaintiff has been caused to incur attorney's fees and expenses in an amount not presently known to her.
- (12) As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the defendant's representatives, as herein alleged, plaintiff has sustained damages in an amount not now known to her but, on information of belief, such damages will approximate the amount of benefits due her in accordance with the terms of the Plan; and plaintiff will continue to sustain such damages each month until benefits are reinstated.

Plaintiff's damages in this lawsuit will not exceed \$ 49,900 by the time of

judgment nor will this litigation foreclose benefits due the plaintiff from the defendant that accrue after the date of judgment.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests judgment against defendant as follows:

- (A) Ordering defendant to pay to plaintiff all short term and long term benefits due her under the Plan retroactive to December 20, 2013;
- (B) Awarding plaintiff pre-judgment interest against the defendant from December 20, 2013, for all sums due her until the date of judgment;
- (C) Awarding plaintiff attorney's fees as required by 29 U.S.C. §1132, court costs, and all other reasonable costs incurred; and
- (D) Granting plaintiff such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

SANDRA TUGGLE

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MICHAEL A. CLEARY (VSB#19989) 3214 Electric Road, Suite 311 P. O. Box 21805 Roanoke, VA 24018

Telephone: 540 / 345-8344 Facsimile: 540 / 345-8361

Counsel for plaintiff

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## Social Security Administration Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance

Notice of Award

Office of Central Operations 1500 Woodlawn Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21241-1500 Date: May 17, 2017 Claim Number: 228-06-1530 HA

### - Միկինիինի իրեննակրի հայինեւացիի հենանանինին հանգիկան իրելի կոլիներին

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You are entitled to monthly disability benefits beginning March 2014.

### The Date You Became Disabled

We found that you became disabled under our rules on September 13, 2013.

To qualify for disability benefits, you must be disabled for five full calendar months in a row. The first month you are entitled to benefits is March 2014.

### What We Will Pay And When

- You will receive \$33,747.00 around May 17, 2017.
- This is the money you are due for March 2014 through April 2017.

Your next payment of \$923.00, which is for May 2017, will be received on or about the second Wednesday of June 2017.

- After that you will receive \$923.00 on or about the second Wednesday of each month.
- Later in this letter, we will show you how we figured these amounts.
- Federal regulations require you to receive your payments electronically, unless you get an exemption from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Please call Treasury at 1-855-290-1545 to see if you qualify for an exemption.
- The day of the month you receive your payments depends on your date of birth.

### Your Benefits

The following chart shows your benefit amount(s) before any deductions or rounding. The amount you actually receive(s) may differ from your full benefit amount. When we figure how much to pay you, we must deduct certain amounts, such as Medicare premiums. We must also round down to the nearest dollar.

Begin	ning Date	Benefit Amount	Reason
March	2014 \$	1,036.30	Entitlement began
December	2014	1,053.90	Cost-of-living adjustment
December	2016	1,057.00	Cost-of-living adjustment

### Information About Medicare

Your Medicare Part'A (hospital insurance) starts March 2016 and Part B (medical insurance) starts May 2017.

If you want your medical insurance to start earlier, you can choose to have it start in March 2016. To start your medical insurance earlier, you must do the following things within 60 days after the date of this notice:

 tell us in writing that you want medical insurance beginning March 2016;

### AND

 pay us \$1,718.00 or tell us we can withhold this amount from your check. This amount covers the premiums due from March 2016 through April 2017.

If you would find it hard to pay the premium amount you would owe in a lump sum, ask us about other ways to pay the premium.

If you choose to have your medical insurance start in March 2016, your current monthly premium will be \$125.00. If you do not choose the earlier date, your monthly premium will be \$134.00.

We will send you a Medicare card. You should take this card with you when you need medical care. If you need medical care before receiving the card and your coverage has already begun, use this letter as proof that you are covered by Medicare.

IMPORTANT: A Medicare law requires some higher income persons to pay higher premiums. The law applies to premiums for Medicare Part B (medical insurance) and prescription drug coverage. The law generally affects individuals with incomes higher than \$85,000 and couples with incomes higher than \$170,000. We will contact the Internal Revenue Service to get



information about your income. If we decide that you have to pay higher premiums, we will send a letter explaining our decision. The higher amount will be effective May 2017. For more information, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

If you do not want medical insurance, please complete the enclosed card and return it to us in the envelope we have provided. You will need to do this by the date shown on the card. If you decide you do not want the insurance, we will return any premiums that you have paid.

### Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Enrollment

Now that you are eligible for Medicare, you can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D).

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and when you can enroll, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048). Medicare also can tell you about agencies in your area that can help you choose your prescription drug coverage.

If you have limited income and resources, we encourage you to apply for the extra help that is available to assist with Medicare prescription drug costs. The extra help can pay the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription copayments. To learn more or apply, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit the nearest Social Security office.

### Information About Representative's Fees

We have approved the fee agreement between you and your representative.

Your past-due benefits are \$39,881.00 for March 2014 through April 2017. Under the fee agreement, the representative cannot charge you more than \$6,000.00 for his or her work. The amount of the fee does not include any out-of-pocket expenses (for example, costs to get copies of doctors' or hospitals' reports). This is a matter between you and the representative.

### How To Ask Us To Review The Determination On The Fee Amount

You, the representative or the person who decided your case can ask us to review the amount of the fee we say the representative can charge.

If you think the amount of the fee is too high, write us within 15 days from the day you get this letter. Tell us that you disagree with the amount of the fee and give your reasons. Send your request to this address:

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Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review Attorney Fee Branch 5107 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3255

The representative also has 15 days to write us if he or she thinks the amount of the fee is too low.

If we do not hear from you or the representative, we will assume you both agree with the amount of the fee shown.

# Information About Past-Due Benefits Withheld To Pay A Representative

Based on the law, we must withhold part of past-due benefits to pay an appointed representative. We cannot withhold more than 25 percent of past-due benefits to pay an authorized fee. We withheld \$6,000.00 from your past-due benefits to pay the representative.

We are paying the representatives from the benefits we withheld. Therefore, we must collect a service charge from each of them. The service charge is 6.3 percent of the fee amount we pay, but not more than \$91, which is the most we can collect in each case under the law. When 6.3 percent of the combined payments exceeds \$91, we divide the \$91 service charge based on the individual fee amounts. We will subtract part of the service charge from the fee amount payable to each representative.

A representative cannot ask you to pay for the service charge. If a representative disagrees with the amount of the service charge, he or she must write to the address shown at the top of this letter. The representative must tell us why he or she disagrees within 15 days from the day he or she gets this letter.

### Other Social Security Benefits

This benefit is the only benefit you can receive from us at this time. In the future, if you think you might qualify for another benefit from us, you will need to apply again.

### Your Responsibilities

We based our decision on information you gave us. If this information changes, it could affect your benefits. For this reason, it is important that you report changes to us right away.

We have enclosed a pamphlet, "What You Need To Know When You Get Social Security Disability Benefits." It tells you what you must report and how to report. Please be sure to read the parts of the pamphlet that tell you what to do if you go to



work or your health improves.

A vocational rehabilitation or employment services provider may contact you to help you in going to work. The provider may be from a State agency or work under contract with Social Security.

If you go to work, we have special rules that let us continue your cash payments and health care coverage. To learn more about how work and earnings affect disability benefits, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/work/. You may also call or visit any Social Security office to ask for the following publications:

- Social Security Working While Disabled... How We Can Help (SSA Publication No. 05-10095).
- Social Security If You Are Blind--How We Can Help (SSA Publication No. 05-10052).

### Your Benefits May Be Taxed

You may have to pay taxes on the benefits you get from us. Part of your Social Security benefits may be taxed if:

- you are single and your total income is more than \$25,000 or
- you are married and you and your spouse have total income of more than \$32,000.

You can decide if you want to have federal taxes withheld from your benefits. If you want taxes withheld, you need to complete and return a Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request. You can get Form W-4V from the Internal Revenue Service by calling 1-800-829-3676. You can also get this form at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.htm on our website. After you complete and sign the form, return it to your local Social Security office by mail or in person.

You can find more information on paying taxes in the enclosed pamphlet, "What You Need To Know When You Get Social Security Disability Benefits".

### Other Information

We are sending a copy of this notice to THOMAS A KLINT.

### Do You Disagree With The Decision?

We previously informed you of your appeal rights concerning the administrative law judge's (ALJ) decision. We also informed you of what you must do to have that decision reviewed.

If you believe that we decided any other part of your case incorrectly, you may request reconsideration on that part of





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### If You Have Questions

We invite you to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet to find general information about Social Security. If you have any specific questions, you may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY SUITE B 246 BULLSBORO DR NEWNAN, GA 30263

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

Social Security Administration

Enclosure(s):

Form CMS-2690 Return Envelope SSA Pub No 05-10153

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### Payment Summary

### Your Payment Of \$33,747.00

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Here is how we figured your first payment:

Benefits due for March 2014 through April 2017 including any cost of living increase, less monthly rounding of benefits:

\$39,872.00

Amounts we subtracted because of:

• additional premium due one month in advance: 125.00

money to pay your representative: 6,000.00

Total subtractions: 6,125.00

This equals the amount of your first payment:

\$33,747.00

### Your Regular Monthly Payment

Here is how we figured your regular monthly payment effective May 2017:

You are entitled to a monthly benefit of: \$1,057.00

Amount we subtracted because of

• premiums for medical insurance: 134.00

This equals the amount of your regular monthly payment: \$923.00

